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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Tetsujio Kondo et al.
Serial No. : 09/583,250
Filed : May 31, 2000
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, NOISE-AMOUNT ESTIMATE APPARATUS, NOISE-AMOUNT ESTIMATE METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM
Examiner : Gregory M. Desire
Art Unit : 2625

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	17	Minus	** = 20	* 2 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0.00
Independent claims	4	Minus	*** = 6	* 2 x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the ____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ____ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$0.00 and a check in the amount of \$0.00 are attached, which cover the cost of additional claims petition for extension of time.
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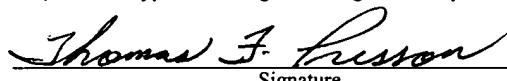
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2004, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.